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**Assessment to Facilitate an Intervention
Aiming at: Building the Capacity of BiH
Institutions to Address Mental Health Issues
amongst Defence Personnel in BiH**

FACT SHEET

August 2016

Milestones

2010 Towards the end of the 2010, the BiH Ministry of Defence identified mental health amongst personnel as a priority issue and requested donor support.

Project Outline

Period	N/A
Donors	N/A
Executing Agency	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Partner(s)	Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Health-Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare-Republika Srpska

Project Description

In the context of the planned intervention concerning the application of international models to support the Ministry of Defence in the design and implementation of a systematic response to the potential negative impacts of past and present war-related experiences on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of discharged and active duty staff of the Ministry of Defence, and those involved in peacekeeping missions, assessments have been undertaken to precisely define the terms of the intervention, determine the roles of relevant stakeholders, identify the basic self-sustainable structures to be established within the BiH Ministry of Defence, amend and update the existing project document to be re-submitted to donors for funding. This capacity building initiative builds on ongoing discussions between IOM and BiH MoD on one side and representatives of military and non-military institutions in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the UK.

The overall objective of the project was to identify the steps required to implement a wider intervention aimed at enhancing the capacities of the MoD and the MoHs to provide a systematic response to mental health issues in current and discharged personnel of the Armed Forces of BiH, and also in relation to their participation to peacekeeping missions.